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Health Department,
Council Offices,
St. Chad's,
Uppermill,
near Oldham.

30th September, 1948.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Saddleworth Urban District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the health of the District for the year 1947.

The Report is again much abbreviated, in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, but an endeavour has been made to embrace the most important details, and, particularly, those which indicate the state of health of the District.

I take this opportunity of tendering my best thanks to the officials of the Council, the staff of the Health Department, especially to the Senior Sanitary Inspector for valuable help and co-operation at all times.

I desire also to express to the members of the Health Committee my appreciation of the courtesy and consideration they have always displayed towards me.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant

P. H. Wood

Medical Officer of Health.

STAFF

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Medical Officer of Health:
P.B.Wood, M.B., Ch.B.

Senior Sanitary Inspector:
J.H.Platt, M.R.San.I., M.S.I.A.

Additional Sanitary Inspector:
H.P.Grayshon(resigned 31st March, 1947).
J.M.Melrose (commenced duties 15th December, 1947)

Clerical Staff:
Mrs.M.Hodge.

1. Statistics and Social conditions of the Area

Area: 18,485 acres.

Population: Estimated Mid-1947 - 16,350.

Number of inhabited houses at end of 1947, according to
Rate Books - 5,840.

Rateable Value - £103,690.

Sum represented by a Penny Rate - £400.

Chief Industries are Wollen, Calico-printing, Engineering,
Paper and Wall-paper manufacture, Plastics, and Dairy-farming.

VITAL STATISTICSBIRTHS

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Live Births - Legitimate	129	142	271
Illegitimate	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>13</u>
Totals	<u>133</u>	<u>151</u>	<u>284</u>
Still Births - Legitimate	5	5	10
Illegitimate	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>

DEATHS

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age:

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	7	5	12
Illegitimate	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
Totals	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>14</u>
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deaths in District	96	77	173
Transferable Deaths	<u>59</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>96</u>
Totals	<u>155</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>269</u>

PRINCIPAL VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1947.

Based on Registrar-General's Figures

	Saddleworth Urban District	Aggregate West Riding U. Districts.	West Riding Admin. County.	England and Wales (Pro- visional Figures.
<u>BIRTH RATES</u>				
(per 1,000 estimated population)	17.4	21.6	21.5	20.5
<u>DEATH RATES:</u>				
(All per 1,000 estimated pop- ulation.				
All Causes	16.5	12.7	12.5	12.0
Zymotic Diseases (seven Principal)x	0.18	0.16	0.16	xx
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System.	0.49	0.33	0.39	0.47
Other Forms of Tuberculosis	0.06	0.09	0.09	0.08
Respiratory Diseases (excluding Tuber- culosis of respira- tory system).	2.14	1.41	1.37	xx
Cancer	2.45	1.87	1.80	1.85
Heart and Circu- latory Diseases &	5.63	4.23	3.98	xx
<u>INFANT MORTALITY</u>				
(Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births.	49	44	45	41
<u>DIARRHOEA</u>				
(Deaths in infants under 2 years of age per 1,000 live births).	3.52	5.17	5.31	5.8
<u>MATERNAL MORTALITY</u>				
(Deaths of mothers in childbirth per 1,000 live and still births).				
Puerperal Sepsis	-	0.24	0.21	0.26
Other Causes	-	0.88	1.07	0.91
Total	-	1.12	1.28	1.17

/Combined

x - Combined death rate from smallpox (if any), scarlet fever, enteric fever, diphtheria, measles, whooping-cough, also diarrhoea, in infants under 2 years. Combined death rate from bronchitis, pneumonia, and other respiratory diseases, excluding tuberculosis of the Respiratory System.

φ - Combined death rate from Heart Disease and other diseases of the Circulatory System.

xx - Figures not available.

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Typhoid and Paratyphoid	-	-	-
Measles	2	1	1
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Influenza	-	-	-
Encephalitis Lethargica	-	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	1	1	-
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System(Phthisis)	8	5	3
Other Tubercular Diseases	1	-	1
Syphilitic Diseases	1	1	-
<u>Cancer</u>			
Cancer of buccal cavity and oesophagus	2	2	-
Cancer of Uterus	3	-	3
Cancer of stomach and duodenum	6	4	2
Cancer of breast	4	-	4
Cancer of all other sites	25	14	11
Diabetes	2	1	1
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	30	15	15
Heart Disease	78	50	28
Other Circulatory Diseases	14	7	7
Bronchitis	22	15	7
Pneumonia	10	5	5
Other Respiratory Diseases	3	2	1
Peptic Ulcer	1	1	-
Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	1	-	1
Appendicitis	-	-	-
Other Digestive Diseases	3	2	1
Nephritis	12	7	5
Puerperal Sepsis	-	-	-
Other Maternal Causes	-	-	-
Premature Birth	2	2	-
Infant Birth Injuries	3	1	2
Suicide	2	1	1
Other Violent Causes	7	4	3
All other Causes	24	13	11
Road Traffic Accidents	2	1	1
Acute Polio-Myelitis and polio encephalitis	-	-	-
	<u>269</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>114</u>

LABORATORY FACILITIES

These are provided by the County Council Laboratories at Wakefield where pathological material is examined, free of charge, for suspected diphtheria, tuberculosis, typhoid fever, etc. Also, the water and milk supplies are examined from time to time. Arrangements have also been made with the Oldham Laboratory Board for the examination of diphtheria swabs from the Council's area.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Infectious cases were removed to hospital in the motor ambulance of the Oldham Corporation.

For general purposes, i.e., Medical, Surgical and Maternity cases and Accidents, the motor ambulances of the Oldham Corporation and Mossley Corporation were used, by agreement with these Authorities.

NURSING IN THE HOME

Home nursing is carried out in the area by the nurses of the following District Nursing Associations which are affiliated to the West Riding Nursing Association:-

Dobercross and Delph	1 Nurse-Midwife
Uppermill and Diggle	1 Nurse-Midwife
Greenfield	1 Nurse-Midwife
Springhead	1 Nurse and 1 Midwife.

The Springhead Midwife also attends cases in Denshaw.

Your Council allows an annual grant of £50 to each of the above Associations.

CLINICS

The following Clinics are under the auspices of the West Riding County Council:-

Child Welfare:

Uppermill Mechanics Institute, Lee Street.	
Wednesday	2 - 4 p.m.
Springhead - Congregational School	
Friday	2 - 4 p.m.
Delph - Independent Sunday School	
Tuesday	2 - 4 p.m.
Greenfield - Wesleyan School	
Thursday	2 - 4 p.m.

Ante-Natal

Uppermill - Mechanics Institute	
Fourth Thursday of month	9.30.a.m. to 11.30.a.m.
Springhead - Congregational School	
Second Monday of month	2.0.p.m. to 4.0.p.m.
Delph - Independent Sunday School	
Second Thursday of month	2.0.p.m.

HOSPITALS - PUBLIC AND VOLUNTARYInfectious Fever Hospital

Saddleworth has none of its own. Cases are sent to hospitals of neighbouring Authorities at our expense; but we have no definite legal arrangement with such Authorities. All infectious cases have been sent to Westhumble, Oldham.

Smallpox Hospital:

Saddleworth has an old house on the hillside at Runninghill, Diggle, which has, in the past, served as a Smallpox Hospital.

General Hospitals:

Medical and Surgical cases from here are sent to the Manchester Royal Infirmary, Oldham Royal Infirmary, and, less frequently, to Huddersfield Infirmary.

A sum of £150 is contributed by the Saddleworth Urban District Council to the Saddleworth Medical Charities, which disburses its funds to the various local hospitals.

2. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREAWater Supply

The water supply is obtained from the Reservoirs of the Ashton and District Joint Board, and Oldham Corporation. The supply is continuous and has been satisfactory.

There are many houses which, by reason of their remote positions, are not on the public supply. These obtain their water from springs and wells.

As the water supply is, in practically all cases (both Reservoirs and Wells) obtained from the Millstone Grit Formation, it is soft on account of peat; but precautions have been taken against its lead-dissolving properties.

Number of dwelling-houses on public supply	4,509
Number of dwelling-houses not on public supply	1,331
Number of dwelling-houses put on water supply during the year 1947	4

The piped supply of water to the District was four times chemically examined during the year 1947, and found to be satisfactory.

Drainage and Sewerage:

There are still many areas requiring sewerage which are so situated that they could be connected to the public sewers.

There have been no major extensions of the sewerage system during the year.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION (at the end of 1947)

Number of water-closets	4,762
Number of waste water-closets	619
Number of pail-closets	646
Number of pail-closets converted to water-closets during 1947	4
Water-closets for new houses	15
Additional closets provided for old property	15

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The Council employ fourteen men, using four specially-designed waggons, for the removal of household refuse, and one waggon with tank for nightsoil. House refuse is collected weekly, and trade refuse twice per week in most instances. Pail-closets are emptied weekly.

The household refuse is disposed of by the controlled-tipping system. The nightsoil is now emptied into the sewer at the old Sewage Works' Site, Dobercross.

There is not a Destructor in the District.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA

Number of premises visited	924
Number of nuisances discovered	987
Number of nuisances abated	1,012
Number of Informal Notices served	218
Number of Statutory Notices served	17
Number of Legal Proceedings	Nil

SHOPS AND OFFICES

Forty-six inspections were carried out under the Provisions of the Shops Act, 1934, and the Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

CAMPING SITES

There are two camping sites in the District - one at Wood Camping Ground, Denshaw, and the other at Summershades, Grasscroft. The latter site is licensed by the Council for camping purposes.

SMOKE ABATEMENT

Eleven observations, each of thirty minutes' duration, were taken during the year. All were satisfactory.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS

There are not now any swimming pools in the District.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

No instance of infestation was found in any house during the year.

OFFENSIVE TRADES

There are two offensive trades established in the District, i.e., Size-making and Soap-boiling.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no Common Lodging Houses in Saddleworth

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

Regular visits were paid to factories and workshops, under the Factories Act, 1937, and satisfactory conditions were found.

During the year visits were paid to all factories to which Section 34 of the Factories Act, 1937, applies. Inspections concerning the Adequacy of Means of Escape in Case of Fire were made, and, where necessary, recommendations for improvements were submitted to the owners. In ten cases, Certificates for the Adequacy of Means of Escape in Case of Fire were issued by the Council,

SCHOOLS

Seven visits were paid to schools during the year, and the conditions were noted. The sanitary accommodation at Hill End School, Delph, was unsatisfactory. The matter was taken up with the West Riding County Council, with satisfactory results.

HOUSING

It is apparent that there is still a considerable number of back-to-back type, and substandard, houses in the District, and I feel that the only method of dealing with the problem is for a complete survey to be made of all property in the area, in order that plans can be formulated against the time when it is possible to make full use of the provisions of the Housing Act.

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H O U S I N G(a) Statistics

Number of new houses erected during the year:-

(1) By the Local Authority	0
(2) By Other Local Authorities	0
(3) By Other Bodies or Persons	15

1. Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year:

(a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	631
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	631

2. (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) and which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932

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(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose

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3. Number of dwelling-houses found in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation

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4. Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation

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REMEDY OF DEFECTS during the year without service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action taken by the Local Authority or their officers

71

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS during the year

A. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, and 16, of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs

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- (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices. -
- (a) By owners -
- (b) By Local Authority in default of owners -
- B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts:
 - (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 17
 - (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices.
 - (a) By owners 17
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners -
- C. Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:
 - (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made -
 - (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders -
- D. Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:
 - (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made -
 - (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered for human habitation. -

HOUSING ACT, 1936 - PART IV - OVERCROWDING:

- (a) Revised survey necessary to ascertain a reasonably accurate position.

4 - INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD:

(a) Milk supply

During 1947, seven samples of milk were examined by the biological test for tuberculosis, and were found satisfactory. Twenty-eight samples of milk were also submitted for bacteriological examination, the standards adopted being the methylene blue, phosphatase, and coliform tests. Twenty-three samples were satisfactory, and five were unsatisfactory. One application for registration as a milk producer was refused during the year.

It has not been possible for the whole of the farms in the District to be adequately inspected during the year.

When a cow is suspected of suffering from any disease, the County Police arrange for a veterinary surgeon to examine the animal.

(b) Meat

Routine inspections are made of meat-shops, etc., and the Clean Meat Regulations are enforced.

Fifty-six horses were slaughtered during the year for home consumption. Inspections were carried out by the Sanitary Inspector in each instance.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASE

During the year 1947, cases of infectious disease requiring hospital treatment were removed to the Westhulme Hospital, Oldham, by arrangements with the Oldham Corporation.

Four cases of Scarlet Fever were notified during the year as against twenty-four in 1946; and, of the four cases, two were removed to Hospital for treatment.

Three cases of Diphtheria were notified during the year, compared with nine cases in the previous year. All three cases were removed to Hospital for treatment. None was fatal. All cases were patients over the age of fifteen years.

The Council has authorised the free provision of Diphtheria Antitoxin for the use of Saddleworth residents; and it is always available to the medical practitioners.

Free immunisation against Diphtheria is provided for any pre-school or school child, and is provided by local medical practitioners, under their own arrangements, and at the Schools and Child Welfare Clinics.

Measles of a mild type was prevalent during 1947, especially during January and February. There were sixty-three and thirty-three cases respectively. Whooping-Cough was fairly prevalent in July, there being seventeen cases.

TABLE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING 1947

Notifiable Disease	Total cases Notified	Cases removed to Hospital	Total Deaths (excluding Transferable Deaths)
Smallpox	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	4	2	-
Diphtheria	3	3	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-
Pneumonia	5	-	10
Erysipelas	4	-	-
Whooping-Cough	60	2	-
Measles	126	1	2
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	1	1	1
Acute Polioencephalitis	1	1	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	4	4	-
Dysentery	1	1	-
Totals	209	15	13

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION IN RELATION TO CHILD POPULATION

	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943
<u>Estimated Mid-Year Child Population</u>					
Under 5 years	1280	1230	966		
5 - 15 years	1370	1920	1990		
Total under 15 years	3150	3150	2956		
<u>Number of children immunised during year:</u>					
Under 5 years	140	235	176	150	92
5 - 15 years	72	141	35	66	106
Total under 15 years	212	376	211	216	198

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	<u>1947</u>	<u>1946</u>	<u>1945</u>	<u>1944</u>	<u>1943</u>
Number of children Immunised at 31.12.47					
Under 5 years	463	430	723		
5 - 15 years	<u>1720</u>	<u>1647</u>	<u>1502</u>		
Total under 15 years	<u>2183</u>	<u>2077</u>	<u>2225</u>		
Percentage of Child Population considered immunised at 31.12.47.					
Under 5 years	46.19	54.8	74.3%	39.2%	35.9%
5 - 15 years	91.9	85.7	75.4%	89.3%	85.3%

The percentage of child population immunised at 31st December, 1947 is 69.3%

DIPHTHERIA NOTIFICATIONS AND DEATHS IN RELATION TO
IMMUNISATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1947.

<u>NOTIFICATIONS</u>			<u>DEATHS</u>		
Age at date of Notifi- cation.	Number of cases Notified	Number of cases included in pre- ceding columns in which the child had completed a full course of immunisation	Age at date of death	No. of deaths	Number of cases in- cluded in preceding columns in which the child had com- pleted a full course of immuni- sation
Under 1	1	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-	-
2	-	-	-	-	-
3	-	-	-	-	-
4	1	1	-	-	-
5 - 9	1	1	-	-	-
10 - 14	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	3	2	-	-	-

DISINFECTION

Disinfection of premises and materials is done by the staff of the Health Department.

All dwelling-houses are disinfected at the time of death of a patient, removal to hospital, or release from isolation of infectious cases

During 1947 fourteen houses were disinfected by the Department.

Houses are disinfected by the method of Formalin Spray, or Sulphur Dioxide, and it is usual in the District to disinfect after Phthisis, but not as a routine method after Measles and Whooping-Cough.

CANCER

Forty deaths (twenty males and twenty females) were certified as due to cancer in 1947, compared with forty-two deaths in 1946. Facilities for radium treatment are available to Saddleworth residents, at the Radium Institute, Manchester, and at the Oldham Royal, and Ashton District Infirmaries, which, for this purpose, is a sub-clinic of the Manchester Centre.

PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS

No local action has been taken under Section 176 of the Public Health Act, 1936, for the prevention of blindness, or for the treatment of persons suffering from any disease of, or injury to, the eyes.

The Administration of the Blind Persons Act, 1920, is undertaken in this area by the Staff of the County Medical Officer of Health.

TUBERCULOSIS

This Service is under the control of the West Riding County Council; and Saddleworth patients attend at the County Dispensary, Court Street, Uppermill.

Seventeen new cases of Tuberculosis were notified during 1947, fourteen Pulmonary and three Non-Pulmonary. Eight deaths from Pulmonary and one from Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis were registered. The sub-joined Table shows the new cases of Tuberculosis, and the deaths in age groups.

TUBERCULOSIS

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 - 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 10	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 20	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1
20 - 25	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35	2	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
35 - 45	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
45 - 55	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
55 - 65	2	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
65 - X	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Totals	12	2	2	1	5	3	-	1

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1947

Health Department,
Council Offices,
St.Chad's,
Uppermill,
near Oldham.

30th September, 1948.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Urban District Council of Saddleworth.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my second Annual Report on the work of the Department, for the year 1947.

In order to minimise the repetition of similar details, the bulk of the matter which is usually included in the Sanitary Inspector's Report has been incorporated in that of the Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area	18,485 acres
Population	16,350
Number of inhabited houses	5,840
Rateable Value	£103,690
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£400

STATEMENT RELATING TO PREMISES IN THE DISTRICT
AND THEIR ACCOMMODATION

Number of houses	5,840
Factories and Workshops, Lock-up Shops, etc.	186
Pail-closets	646
Water-closets	4,762
Waste Water-closets	619
Earth-closets	88
Ashpits (covered and open)	87
Ashbins	4,397

Four pail-closets were converted to fresh water-closets, and fifteen additional water-closets were provided for old property.

NUISANCE INSPECTIONS

Total number of inspections made	924
Number of nuisances found requiring abatement	987
Number of nuisances abated	1,012
Number of Informal Notices served	218
Number of Informal Notices complied with	176
Number of Statutory Notices served	17
Number of Statutory Notices complied with	17

Considerable difficulty was experienced during the year in effecting repair work, due to the shortage of labour and materials.

PETROLEUM LICENCES

Thirty-two licences for the storage of Petroleum Spirit, and one for Carbide of Calcium were granted during the year.

WATER SUPPLIES

Four houses previously supplied with water from private sources were connected to a main piped supply during 1947.

Ten samples of water were taken during the year.

DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS

One hundred and forty-three visits were paid to dairy-farms, and improvements made at several shippens and dairies in the District.

Twenty-eight samples of milk were examined bacteriologically. Twenty-three were found to be satisfactory, and five were unsatisfactory.

Eleven applications for registration as milk producers were granted during the year. One application for registration as a milk-producer was refused.

There are eleven licences in force for the production of Accredited Milk, and seven for the production of Tuberculin-Tested Milk.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

One slaughter-house has been in use in the District during 1947. This was used for the slaughter of horses. Fifty-six horses were slaughtered, and an inspection was made in each case.

SLAUGHTER OF PIGS FOR HOME CONSUMPTION

Arrangements have been made with the Food Executive Officer to enclose with each licence to slaughter a pig for home consumption, a slip drawing attention to the advisability of having pigs inspected by a meat inspector. Unfortunately, the reminder has met with very little response.

FOOD INSPECTION

During 1947 forty-four visits were made in connection with food inspection, and the under-mentioned foodstuffs were found to be unfit for human consumption:-

254	tins	condensed and evaporated milk.
90	"	vegetables
52	"	tinned fish
46	"	jam
37	"	meat and vegetables
29	"	meat
11	"	fruit
2	"	snoek
77½	lbs	bacon
4	cwts	potatoes
1	cwt	sausage meat.

SMOKE ABATEMENT

Eleven observations, each of thirty minutes' duration, were taken during the year. All were satisfactory.

SCAVENGING

During the year the collection of refuse was seriously hampered by the condition of the present vehicles. However, the Council have given an order for four new Refuse Collectors (3-10 cu.yd. Karrier CK3, and 1-7 cu.yd. Karrier Bantam). The delivery of the first Karrier CK3 was made on the 1st December, 1947, and the remainder of the vehicles are expected to be delivered before 30th April, 1948.

SALVAGE OF WASTE MATERIALS

The Council employ three men on salvage work at the Walk Mill Tip, Dobeross, where three paper-baling machines and one tin-baling machine are in use.

The Tables below show the weights and values of salvage sold during 1947:-

	<u>Weight</u>			<u>Value</u>		
	T.	C.	Q. Lbs.	£.	s.	d.
Paper	83.	12.	2. 0.	547.	13.	2.
Paper Tubes	12.	0.	0.	1.	10.	0.
Tins	15.	4.	0. 0.	21.	5.	7.
Scrap Iron	2.	7.	2. 0.	3.	2.	4.
Textiles	19.	1.	6.	8.	9.	4.
Rags	15.	3.	6.	11.	1.	3.
Sacking	5.	0.	0.	15.	0.	
String	8.	1.	14.	2.	1.	10.
Bones	5.	0.	0.	1.	5.	9.
Mixed Metals		3.	0.	1.	2.	6.
Woollens	1.	1.	0.	4.	7.	6.
Aluminium	1.	3.	26.	2.	15.	6.
Bottles (2,911 dozen)				92.	5.	1.
Totals	T 104.13. 1.24.			£697.14. 10.		

Comparative totals for the years 1945 and 1946:-

	T.	C.	Q. Lbs	£.	s.	d.
1945	146.	10.	2. 26.	657.	2.	4.
1946	114.	2.	0. 2.	709.	6.	10

In March, 1947, Mr.H.P.Grayshon, Additional Sanitary Inspector, resigned his appointment with the Council. Mr.J.M.Melrose, his successor, only took up his appointment on the 15th December, 1947.

In concluding my Report, I wish to thank the Chairman, Vice-Chairman of the Health Committee, and Members and Officials of the Council for their kindness and co-operation during the year 1947.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J.H. Platt

Senior Sanitary Inspector.

